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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the specification and claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two months to respond to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004, on the above-identified application. This extension extends the time to respond from December 16, 2004, to February 16, 2005, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity, which is a \$225.00 extension fee for response within two months.

Also, Applicant hereby submits two terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.321(c) and encloses the fee of \$130.00, for a small entity, as required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.20(d), for each terminal disclaimer. A check in the amount of \$355.00 for the extension fee and the terminal disclaimers is enclosed herewith.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Amendment Under Rule 1.111, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this Amendment.